## REMARKS

Pursuant to the filing of this application originated as a European patent application in German language, Applicant has submitted with this Preliminary Amendment a substitute specification, in which paragraph numbers appropriate headings have been inserted, and 8 sheets of formal drawings. No new matter has been added to the substitute specification from that of the certified English translation.

New Claims 13 through 34 are submitted for examination on the merits.

An early action on the merits of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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